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Request No. 866
LB 612

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CLERK: To suspend the rules and permit the introduction of the attached bill. Request number 866, read.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, in talking to the people that have the information that is available to us and Senator Marvel concerning LB604. The appropriate way is to place a bill on the board and on to General File which would have a certain expenditure and then for devastation in the Omaha area, we can work off of the bill because we will have a vehicle as it goes across. The figure that I have placed in there is for the sum of 10 million dollars. Now as the reports come back from the experts and from the Governors office and the people that have the information as to the damage to the public utilities, the schools, to the various properties that are in the public sector, it is important that we have this vehicle to work upon so that we can have the bill moving to meet the expenditures and the emergency nature. It is my thought at this time then that we place the bill on General File and be able to work upon it as we discuss it and in a few days we will have more expert information and go from there. I ask for a suspension of the rules and that bill be placed on General File.

PRESIDENT: You heard the question. The suspension of the rules for the purpose of introducing a bill request number 866. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 38 ayes 0 nays and 11 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The rules are suspended for the purpose of introducing a bill. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: The question I thought that I understood Senator Kennedy indicate earlier that the Governor is submitting a suggestion to his emergency fund that could be put into 604. What advantage is this? I didn't understand the basis of the 10 million.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Well the basis I think that Senator Marvel would also explain on this, that this is for the one particular disaster that we are talking about, the Governors budget or emergency fund is a separate issue and that would be kept separate from that. Senator Marvel would you care to express anything on this?

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Warner, 604 contains the Governor's Emergency Fund which includes roughly 200 thousand dollars on expended balance, and 300 thousand new money. The 200 thousand that would be, as I understand and could be used, the bill would not do any good as far as new money is concerned at this particular time. So it wouldn't do any good to amend LB604. Therefore you need a separate emergency bill as to the amount and as to the activities